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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *28 January 2009*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-4,6-16 and 18-30* is/are pending in the application.

　　4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-4, 6-16 and 18-30* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

　　Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

　　Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

　　a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

　　　　1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

　　　　2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

　　　　3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

　　* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
　　Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
　　Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

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6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This action is amendment received on Jan. 28, 2009. Claims 1, 11, 13, 19, 23

and 27 were amended. Claims 1-4, 6-16 and 18-30 are pending examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that

form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2.   Claims 1, 6-11, 13, 18-23 and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as

being anticipated by Pfwltzner, U.S. Patent No. 7,506,069.

As to claim 1, Pfwltzner teaches a method of providing access to services across

a computer network, comprising the step of:

generating an access request by a requesting network access device through

which an end user device can obtain access to network resources, said access request

comprising a requesting network access device description "computing environment

information" and a plurality of service requests indicative of computer services "meeting"

for which the network device requests provisioning (see col. 10 lines 36-41, lines 44-53,

end user sends a request to access a meeting using a URL);

wherein the requesting network access device description includes one or more

of: a requesting network access device vendor, a requesting network access device

type, a requesting network access device version (see col. 11 lines 28-37, the request

includes device information such as the type of device); and

forwarding said access request for authentication and authorization (see col. 10

lines 56-col. 11 lines 3, the access request is forwarded to the server that is hosting the

meeting).

As to claim 6, Pfwltzner teaches a method according to Claim 1 in which the

service requests include a request for a particular service level (see col. 14 lines 38-53,

user may have different access levels based on whether user is author or not).

As to claim 7, Pfwltzner teaches a method according to Claim 1 in which a policy

is applied to the access request to determine whether access will be allowed, and if so

for what services (see col. 14 lines 38-53, identity of user is verified to determine

whether access is allowed).

As to claim 8, Pfwltzner teaches a method according to Claim 1 in which network

resources are provisioned in dependence upon the access request (see col. 14 lines

38-53).

As to claim 9, Pfwltzner teaches a method according to Claim 1 in which the

steps of receiving and applying are performed by an access-control server or an

Authentication, Authorization and Audit (AAA) server (see col. 14 lines 38-53,

redirection server performs authentication).

As to claim 10, Pfwltzner teaches a method according to Claim 9 in which the

access-control server uses the access request to select among multiple services that

are specified for a particular device (see col. 13 lines 13-45, different versions and

formats are selected based n the device type and user identity).

As to claim 11, Pfwltzner teaches a device for providing access to services

across a computer network, comprising:

Means for generating an access request by a requesting network access device

through which an end user device can obtain access to network resources, said access

request comprising a requesting network access device description "computing

environment information" and a plurality of service requests indicative of computer

services "meeting" for which the network device requests provisioning (see col. 10 lines

36-41, lines 44-53, end user sends a request to access a meeting using a URL);

wherein the requesting network access device description includes one or more

of: a requesting network access device vendor, a requesting network access device

type, a requesting network access device version (see col. 11 lines 28-37, the request

includes device information such as the type of device); and

means for forwarding said access request for authentication and authorization

(see col. 10 lines 56-col. 11 lines 3, the access request is forwarded to the server that is

hosting the meeting).

As to claim 13, Pfwltzner teaches a device for providing access to services

across a computer network a network interface, comprising computer storage medium

executing code to perform the steps comprising:

generating an access request by a requesting network access device through

which an end user device can obtain access to network resources, said access request

comprising a requesting network access device description "computing environment

information" and a plurality of service requests indicative of computer services "meeting"

for which the network device requests provisioning (see col. 10 lines 36-41, lines 44-53,

end user sends a request to access a meeting using a URL);

wherein the requesting network access device description includes one or more

of: a requesting network access device vendor, a requesting network access device

type, a requesting network access device version (see col. 11 lines 28-37, the request

includes device information such as the type of device); and

forwarding said access request for authentication and authorization (see col. 10

lines 56-col. 11 lines 3, the access request is forwarded to the server that is hosting the

meeting).

As to claim 18, Pfwltzner teaches a device according to Claim 13 in which the

service requests include a request for a particular service level (see col. 14 lines 38-53,

user may have different access levels based on whether user is author or not).

As to claims 19, Pfwltzner teaches a system for providing access to services

across a computer network, comprising:

An access control server "redirector server" being arranged:

receive an access request by a requesting network access device through which

an end user device can obtain access to network resources, said access request

comprising a requesting network access device description "computing environment

information" and a plurality of service requests indicative of computer services "meeting"

for which the network device requests provisioning (see col. 10 lines 36-41, lines 44-53,

end user sends a request to access a meeting using a URL);

wherein the requesting network access device description includes one or more

of: a requesting network access device vendor, a requesting network access device

type, a requesting network access device version (see col. 11 lines 28-37, the request

includes device information such as the type of device); and

apply a policy to the access request to determine whether the access will be

allowed, and if so for what services (see col. 10 lines 56-col. 11 lines 3, the access

request is forwarded to the server that is hosting the meeting).

As to claim 20, Pfwltzner teaches a device according to Claim19 in which the

service requests include a request for a particular service level (see col. 14 lines 38-53,

user may have different access levels based on whether user is author or not).

As to claim 21, Pfwltzner teaches a device according to Claim 19 in which the

steps of receiving and applying are performed by an access-control server or an

Authentication, Authorization and Audit (AAA) server (see col. 14 lines 38-53,

redirection server performs authentication).

As to claim 22, Pfwltzner teaches a system according to Claim 19 in which the

access-control server uses the access request to select among multiple services that

are specified for a particular device (see col. 13 lines 13-45, different versions and

formats are selected based n the device type and user identity).

As to claim 23, Pfwltzner teaches a storage medium executing code to perform

steps, comprising the step of:

generating an access request by a requesting network access device through

which an end user device can obtain access to network resources, said access request

comprising a requesting network access device description "computing environment

information" and a plurality of service requests indicative of computer services "meeting"

for which the network device requests provisioning (see col. 10 lines 36-41, lines 44-53,

end user sends a request to access a meeting using a URL);

wherein the requesting network access device description includes one or more

of: a requesting network access device vendor, a requesting network access device

type, a requesting network access device version (see col. 11 lines 28-37, the request

includes device information such as the type of device); and

forwarding said access request for authentication and authorization (see col. 10

lines 56-col. 11 lines 3, the access request is forwarded to the server that is hosting the

meeting).

As to claim 27, Pfwltzner teaches a medium according to claim 23 wherein the

requesting access device includes one or more of device type, vendor and version (see

col. 11 lines 28-37)

As to claim 28, Pfwltzner teaches a medium according to Claim 23 in which the

service requests include a request for a particular service level (see col. 14 lines 38-53,

user may have different access levels based on whether user is author or not).

As to claim 29, Pfwltzner teaches a device according to Claim 11 or 13

comprising a requesting network access device which controls end user device access

to a network, and which requests services on behalf of one or more said end users (see

col. 14 lines 38-53, redirection server performs authentication).

As to claim 30, Pfwltzner teaches a device according to claim 11 or 13

comprising a in which said requesting network access device requests services for its

own use (see col. 14 lines 38-53).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

3.   Claims 2-4, 12, 14-16 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Pfwltzner in view of Anderson et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,089,316

(referred to hereafter as Anderson).

As to claims 2, 4, 12, 14, 16, 24, 26, Pfwltzner teaches a method, system,

device and medium of providing access to services across a computer network,

comprising the step of: generating an access request by a requesting network access

device through which an end user device can obtain access to network resources, said

access request comprising a requesting network access device description and a

plurality of service requests indicative of computer services for which the network device

requests provisioning (see col. 9 lines 28-45, col. 4 lines 20-47, col. 10 lines 38-54).

Pfwltzner does not explicitly teach that the access request is a RADIUS access

request. Anderson, however, teaches a system and method sending requests for

accessing a resource wherein the request is a RADIUS request (see col. 10 lines 20-31).

It would have been obvious for one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to implement the use of RADIUS requests in Pfwltzner as taught by Anderson because doing so would make the method and system more secure.

As to claims 3, 15, 25, Pfwltzner teaches the service request contains a device type and a service request identifier "URL" (see col. 13 lines 13-59, access request includes a URL and device information).

Response to Arguments

4.   Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

5.   Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to HUSSEIN A. EL CHANTI whose telephone number is

(571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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